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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 03-117-A (Phase II), Boston Edison Company- 2003 Reconciliation Filing

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

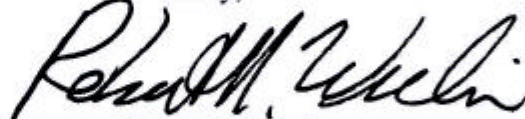
On July 9, 2004, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") granted the joint request of the Attorney General and Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric (the "Parties") to defer the beginning of evidentiary hearings in the above-referenced case so that the Parties could complete settlement negotiations. The Parties were obligated to file a settlement agreement by August 6, 2004, or provide a status report on that date.

The Parties are pleased to inform the Department that their negotiations have been successful and that final settlement documents have been approved for filing with the Department. The Parties expect to distribute signature copies of all drafts on Monday, August 9, 2004 and expect to file the executed settlement documents no later than Tuesday, August 10, 2004.

Accordingly, NSTAR Electric and the Attorney General request that the Department defer the commencement of hearings that were to have begun on August 10, 2004.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert N. Werlin

cc: William Stevens, Hearing Officer
Service List

